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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1889.

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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP., \$7,500,000
PROFITS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
D. BOTTLEY, Esq.
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W. G. BROOKS, Esq.
H. L. DALMATION, Esq.
E. A. SIEBS, Esq.
J. F. HOLLIDAY, Esq.
H. B. LATTON, Esq.

Chief Manager—
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

Bank—LONDON and
Shanghai—E. C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.

HONGKONG—H. B. LATTON, Esq.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

“ 6 “ 4 per cent. “ “

“ 12 “ 5 per cent. “ “

LOCAL BILLS DISCOVERED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drawings granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours, on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their duly balanced account.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal.

Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *Hongkong Savings' Bank* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 764

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

WILL take place NEXT SATURDAY,

2nd February, 3.30 p.m.

500 YARDS RANGE—10 SHOTS. ENTRANCE

FEE 10 CENTS; to be paid to the Register

Keeper on the Ground before firing.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 154

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at

the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street,

ON THURSDAY, the 7th February, at

Noon, to receive Statement of the Accounts

of the Company to the 31st December,

1888, and the Report of the General Manager,

and to discuss any matter that may

be competently brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 26th Instant to

27th Proximate, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1889. 142

Intimations.

HONGKONG LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held THIS EVENING, January 28th, 1889, at 8.45 p.m. in the CITY HALL.

Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., will deliver a Lecture on *“China Colonies.”*

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 140

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK

HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 31st January.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China.

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

For the *Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris*, GHAENTY INCHBALD,

Agent, Hongkong.

For the New *Oriental Bank Corporation*, Limited.

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 158

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, \$300,000, DIVIDED INTO 30,000 SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

OR WHICH 15,000 SHARES ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

(The remaining 15,000 Shares have been taken up on the same terms as the Shares now offered to the Public).

Payment to be as follows:—

ON APPLICATION..... \$1.

ON ALLOTMENT..... \$1.

The Balance at call (on One Month's notice being given) as required to meet drafts for purchase of Plant and otherwise for the purpose and the extension of the business of the Company.

Applications for Shares, accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per Share, must be sent to THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 12th day of February, 1889.

Directors:

THE HONORABLE JOHN BELL-IRVING.

THE HONORABLE CHATICK PAUL CHATER.

THE HONORABLE BENDYSHE LAYTON.

HERLIS LINTON DALMATION, Esq.

LORENZ POESNECKER, Esq.

ALFRED PARKER STOKES, Esq.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitors:

MESRS. SHARP, JOHNSON AND STOKES.

The principal object for which this Company has been formed is to supply the city of Victoria, Kowloon and the Peak with the ELECTRIC LIGHT. A subsidiary object is the supply of electric motor power wherever it may be required, and negotiations are now being carried on with the Government to supply the necessary power for pumping water from the Albany Tank to a reservoir or tank to be established at the Peak.

The advantages of the ELECTRIC LIGHT are well recognised that but little need be said on the subject. It is, however, peculiarly adapted for use here on account of its being almost entirely free from heat and unaffected by wind, and also on account of its almost perfect freedom from danger by fire.

Estimates of working expenses, cost of supply, &c., have been carefully gone into, and the Directors have no doubt that the light can be supplied at rates which will compare favourably with the price paid for gas for pumping water from the Albany Tank to a reservoir or tank to be established at the Peak.

It is proposed to order from England at once the necessary plant and dynamos for the latest and most approved principle of generation, and to have the same installed in London and Manchester.

A very suitable site for the Engine-house

for the machinery has been purchased and will be made over to the Company at cost price.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from 20th Instant to 2nd

February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 66

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-fifth Ordinary Half Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, at 12 O'Clock (noon), for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors.

It is proposed to order from England at once the necessary plant and dynamos for the latest and most approved principle of generation, and to have the same installed in London and Manchester.

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No promotion money will be paid.

For prospectus and for forms of application for shares, apply to the

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

or to

Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Dated the 24th day of January, 1889. 149

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of February, at 12 O'Clock (noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 148

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MASONIC BALL—1889.

A MASONIC BALL, under the Auspices of the Duke Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, will be held at the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 15th February. Burse and denunces of INVITING GUESTS, are invited to send the names of their Friends to the Undersigned.

The Subscription is limited to \$10 for Masons, and \$5 for each Guest invited (Non-Masons).

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 169



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 36.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of February, 1889, at 5 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. 165

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 5th day of February, 1889, at 5 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.									
No. of Sale.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Surface Area	Upris.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Surface Area	Upris.	Locality
1	Mount Kolok	Mount Kolok	50 ft. 11 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	5	1	Mount Kolok	Mount Kolok	50 ft. 11 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	5
2	Building	Building	10 ft. 10 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	1	3	Building	Building	10 ft. 10 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	1
4	Govt.	Govt.	10 ft. 10 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	1	5	Govt.	Govt.	10 ft. 10 in. 10 ft. 10 in.	1
6	7	7	420 400 384 141 52,450 107 250	1	8	8	8	8	8



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 35.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1889, at 5 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. 164

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1889, at 5 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

Particulars of the Lot.									
No. of Sale.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Surface Area	Upris.	No. of Sale.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Surface Area	Upris.
1	Island	Island	102 ft. 10 in. 108 ft. 11 in. 114 ft. 7 in. 7380 ft. 9 in.	5	10	Island	Island	102 ft. 10 in. 108 ft. 11 in. 114 ft. 7 in. 7380 ft. 9 in.	5
2	Lot	Lot	102 ft. 10 in. 108 ft. 11 in. 114 ft. 7 in. 7380 ft. 9 in.	5	11	Lot	Lot	102 ft. 10 in. 108 ft. 11 in. 114 ft. 7 in. 7380 ft. 9 in.	5



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No. 37.

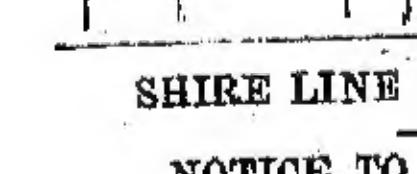
THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of February, 1889, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. 166

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 38.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of February, 1889, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. 167

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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1889. 168

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No. 39.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOURLABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship

Almora.

Captain HAY, will be

despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 29th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 127

THE CHINA & MANILA SHIPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship

Zafiro.

Capt. McCauslin, will be

despatched for the above Port TO-

MORROW, the 29th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 127

THE CHINA & MANILA SHIPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (INDIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship

Arcadia.

Capt. McCauslin, will be

despatched for the above Port TO-

MORROW, the 29th instant, at 3 p.m.

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Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 127

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be held at the Company's

Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at

3.15 o'clock p.m., on the 19th day of

February, 1889, when the subjoined Reso-

lution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.

That Article No. 9 of the Articles of

Association be altered by eliminating

therefrom the words "One Hundred

Thousand" and substituting there-

for

It is believed that during the coming session of Parliament the Canadian Government will enact legislation restricting Chinese immigration.

On and after the 1st February a French paper, edited by M. Harmand, will appear in Yokohama. It will be called the *Courrier du Japon*.

The American *barque* "passed by" the N. Y. K. s. *Tokio Maru* on Dec. 18th, supposed to have been the *Western Hills* from Philadelphia to Japan, with 1,000 cwt. oil, 1,000 cwt. coal on board, was becalmed, has since been reported. "It's the *Western Hills*, something serious must have befallen her, to keep her back three weeks, after having got so close to port."—*Nagasaki Express*.

We noted some time since that the New Oriental Bank Corporation (Limited) had established a branch bank at Tientsin, and it is intended to open another branch at Tientsin, for which purpose a manager has been ordered from Hongkong, and an accountant from London. The latter has already passed through Tientsin on his way to Tientsin to open the necessary institutions from his ship before returning to Tientsin. A bank established at Tientsin, writes the British Consul there, would confer great benefits upon the local trading communities, both native and foreign, and completely transform the present condition of affairs—condition of paralysis, commercial and financial—which renders progress in its broadest sense a moral impossibility.—*Singapore Free Press*.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—Rumours reach us of certain instances of violence, if not of positive unkindness, on the part of the North British Company, which gossip alleges to be not unconnected with persons in Labuan and Sarawak. A Labuan Euro- pean, whose name is of no consequence, was one day drinking in the Labuan Spirit Farm, and was heard to give this toast: "Here's success to Panganian Shabander; a blue-jacket from the *Swift* who was present, turned round and said "Would you wish with a dirty black nigger to get the best of your countryman?" Whoropos the "mean white" said "Yes." Straightway Jack's scull rolled within him and he awoke and awoke that Egypian a back-hander on the "boke," the partner of the P. R. had it, tumbling Shabander's chair over, and the broad of his back and bawling the floor with the many scuff and stamping. He got up, shamed, stuck out, went round the corner and wpt copiously. He will not again quaff a beaker to the health of the Panganian if there is a British blue jacket within earshot.

Our readers will observe, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that one of the British officers wounded at the fight at Soakin is well known in Singapore. We refer to Lieut. David, lately commanding the detachment of Royal Marines on board H. M. S. *Orion* during its commission under Captain Harvey Roys. Lieut. David, we are glad to say, is but slightly wounded. He is now belonging to one of the Soudanese battalions in the Egyptian army. Lieut. David was in the charge of the black troops who formed the leading lines on this occasion. This Officer was well known for his prowess in athletics, and he carried off the championship at our last athletic meeting here in 1887, winning the 1st heat 100 yds. in 11 secs., the Quarter-mile (Ladies' Cup) in 55 secs., final heat 100 yds. 10 4/5 secs., and second in the half mile. He won the Championship Cup with 41 points, the second man Hill scoring 32, and was greeted with great applause as Lady Weld handed him the trophy of his victories.

The *Singapore Free Press* of 18th last says:—A telegram from Fremantle received by Messrs. Molesworth & Co. this morning announcing that the total force of the British is about 4,000. It will be remembered that a short time ago we drew attention to the fact that this force, which arrived here from Western Australia with Sandalwood, was chartered to go to Muara and there to load coal for Fremantle. Owing to the strike among the miners at the latter place coal had then reached a fabulous figure. A telegram from London received by the same firm is to the effect that the 4,000 were on their way to the community of Hongkong, so honourably known, and we trust that here also at Shanghai, Europeans and Chinese will exert themselves for an object which appeals alike, if not equally, to the sympathies of both.

His Excellency, continuing, said:—Now I suggest that this should be considered at an early meeting of the Finance Committee. It will be for the members to decide whether there is likely to be sufficient difference of opinion on the subject as to warrant the postponement of the meeting until to-morrow. If there is any likelihood of unanimity as to the expediency of dealing with the question at once, I see no objection to the meeting being held now, the matter being urgent, and it being very important that the contribution should be made before the Chinese New Year. I don't know much for certain, but those who understand the subject say it will be of much greater benefit now than later. Supposing the committee sits to-day, I should make one suggestion, namely, that if questions of delicacy are touched upon which would more or less affect our relations with the neighbouring empire, the meeting in that case should be held with closed doors. I don't know that this is likely; it is very possible that no such question will be touched upon, but if so, let members bear in mind that any over-freedom, combined with publication on such points might do away largely with the good effects of such a vote. Of course, as to the amount—I am not at all allied to the actual amount; that is a matter of comparatively small importance, but I think, all things considered, in view of the great magnitude of the calamity, and of the present financial position of the Colony, any sum less than £1,000,000 would be unworthy of the Colony. However, I shall with equal readiness send any sum the Council may decide upon. If any suggestions are made, better than I have made, as to the means of distributing the funds, I need scarcely say I shall give them my very best consideration. I have not entered into details as to the appalling calamity that is now existing; I dare say members know more about it than I do. I don't think there is any question about it, however, that in reality, millions are starving. It is of no great a magnitude even that I notice by a telegram received on Saturday that the Lord Mayor of London has sent a sum of £20,000 to the Chinese Government for the relief of the sufferers.

THE ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1888

The following report by the Acting Postmaster-General (Mr. K. Travers) was presented to the Legislative Council, by command of H. E. the Governor, at the meeting of Council this afternoon:—

General Post Office, Hongkong, Jan. 8th, 1889.

Sir, I have the honour to report on the British Postal Service in Hongkong and China during the year 1888.

The Famine in North China, the

Government contribution to the relief

fund.

His Excellency said—Hon. members are aware that the extraordinary meeting summoned to-day has been called for a special object. I have prepared a message on this, but as it has not yet been printed I propose to read it from my own draft.

The Governor deems it his duty to draw the attention of the Council to the terrible famine in North China, with a view to the consideration whether some contribution in aid of the sufferers should not be made from the funds of this Colony.

Similar calamities are unfortunately only too common among the dense populations of the neighbouring Empire; and sympathy is apt to be paralyzed, or rather its manifestation checked, by these very magnitude, and the consequent hopelessness of affording relief at all proportionate to the enormous need for it.

But if this consideration were allowed always to have weight, charity would be confined

within exceedingly narrow limits, if not altogether extinguished. And the only question really deserving to be considered, either by Government or by

individuals, in respect of any particular case of suffering is (1) whether it is one, in aid of which some portion of the means of disposal may be appropriately used, having regard to the many other objects deserving attention, and (2) whether in case of aid being afforded there is reasonable probability of its being properly and usefully applied.

As regards the first question, the position of a Government differs from that of an individual in this, that the former is not free to give play to mere sympathy, and must confine its action to a comparatively limited field. For the fund at its disposal being held as a trust, any application of them can be properly made only when, proportionately to its extent, it is beneficial, directly or indirectly, to the contributing taxpayers, or where, though not materially beneficial to them, it is one which meets with their general concurrence.

After much consideration, the Governor has arrived at the conclusion that a reasonable contribution from the funds of the Colony towards the aid of the suffering by the Chinese community, wanted to be quite sure of his ground. He sent a telegram to the Consul General in Shanghai inquiring whether the distress in North China was sufficiently extensive and urgent to warrant relief from this Colony, and if any measure existed that would assure the disbursement of the funds was made with impartiality by the denominational agencies. A reply came that exceptional distress existed in Nanchang, and that funds sent to any foreign relief agency would doubtless be fairly distributed.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer—What is the

the Chairman—Evidently in one place

and by droughts in another. I notice from

the papers that a very large and influential committee has been formed in Shanghai for the purpose of collecting funds and distributing them. Dr. Murdoch, the Consul General, Action was taken

first of all by the *Islands*, and the foreign community immediately responded.

Now a mixed committee of Europeans and Chinese are endeavouring to give all the assistance they can.

Mr. Layton—The same thing is being organized here.

The Chairman—On a previous occasion the Chinese community here were asked

first by telegram and then by letter. I do not know of any communication having been made to the Chinese community in this case.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 8193.—JANUARY 28, 1889.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. MAIL Steamship CITY
OF NEW YORK will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama on
WEDNESDAY, the 6th of February, at 1 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlanta, and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Madrid, and
Dresden, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Lines.

Passenger Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany, by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco ... \$200.00
To San Francisco and return, } 350.00
available for 6 months ... 350.00

To Liverpool ... 325.00

To London ... 330.00

To other European points at proportion-
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passenger Tickets granted by this Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific
to Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%.

This discount does not apply to *Through* fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 3
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
the previous day, all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consignee Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1889. 100

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CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship BATAVIA,
2,558 Tons Register, A.U.S. Com-
mander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER,
V.C., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA,
on THURSDAY, the 7th February, at
3 p.m.

To be followed by the S.S. PIRATHA,
on the 7th March, and S.S. ABYSSINIA,
on the 4th April.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with San Fran-
cisco and Pacific Coast Points, by the
regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST
STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, Mex. \$160.00

To San Francisco, ... 175.00

To all common points in Can- } 230.00

ada and the United States } 305.00

To Liverpool ... 300.00

To London ... 305.00

To other European points at proportion-
ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese
Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passenger Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points in the United States,
should be sent to the Company's Offices,
addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District
Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

All Parcels must be sent to the Office
and should be marked to address in full;
and the same will be received by us until
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,
apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1888. 52

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,

BRINDISI, GENOA,

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO,

ONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 17th day of February,
1889, at 10 a.m., the Company's S.S.
BRAUNSCHWEIG, Capt. H. BÖDEKER,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon. Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 1 p.m.
on the 16th February, 1889. (Parcels
not to be sent on board until the same
is left at the Agents' Office). Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1889. 120

Mails.



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSAILLES,
GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA,
VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
BRITANNIA, Captain W. BARKATT, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY,
30th January, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Parcels and Specie (gold) at the rates
and in the same manner as above.

Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—

Five Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding

\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 19, 1888. 120

Insurances.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

IN future the Extra Premium on LIFE
Policies, for residence in the Treaty
Ports and Hongkong, shall be REDUCED
from 10% to 10% of the sum assured.

TURNER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1889. 120

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undesigned having been appointed
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 19, 1888. 1760

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undesignated Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undesignated Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, or for REPAIRS sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
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WEEK DAYS.

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 p.m. half hour.

3 to 7 p.m. quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.45 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m.; 12 to 3 p.m. every half hour.

3 to 7 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

Special CARS may be obtained on applica-
tion to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-
Cent Coupons and REDUCED TICKETS at the
Office.

MAcEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 2, 1889. 2

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TUNG-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly ASSISTED APPRENTICE AND
LITERATE ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

AT THE urgent request of His European
and American patients and friends,
TAKEN THRU OFFICE (formerly oc-
cupied by DR. ROBERTS).

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

The Overland China Mail.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL,

OF each English and FRENCH MAIL
Steamer for Europe. Formerly the Over-
land issue was published fortnightly; but
as it was deemed of special importance that
a weekly budget of news should be prepared,
it was decided to issue it weekly. Sub-
scribers at Home, and those at the Coast
Ports and in the interior, who find the
Overland edition a convenient form of news
for their personal use, will now have
a weekly newspaper, which is circulated
among old China hands and others, both
at home and in the Far East, who do not
take the daily journals.

The Overland China Mail will be regularly
published from the China Mail, now a
weekly compendium of news